Similar provisions exist in the anti-dumping legislations of some of the other countries also.

Trade Exposition Centres on the Lines of ITPO

3084. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Trade Promotion Organisation is planning to set up Pragati Maidan type trade exposition centres in various parts of the country in collaboration with the State Governments;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps in this regard have been worked out;

(c) by what time these centres are likely to be set up; and

(d) whether this will give a boost to our industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) In order to strength the export promotion infrastructure in selected regional centres of the country, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) is setting up Regional Trade Promotion Centres (RTPCs) in some States with the approval and funding support from the Government. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed between ITPO and the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and West Bengal for setting up of RTPCs at Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata respectively. As per the MOUs, joint venture companies with equity countributions from the nominated agency of the respective State Governments and ITPO will be set up and registered under Section 25 of Companies Act to look after the affairs of RTPCs. The Chennai Trade Centre has already been commissioned on 31st January, 2001 and the works relating to RTPC, Bangalore are in progress. The work at the RTPC Kolkata has not commenced as yet.